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WHAT WILL THE WIGWAM DO UNDER CONSOLIDATIONS

Leader Election Will Only Say That There Must Be Another Party
Democratic Organization in the Greater City Why Tammany Fought the Bill.

Consolidation has presented some problems of a very intricate nature for the solution of political party managers within the various communities to be considered. Every section has its special needs and its special bosses of political machines. All these bosses have their eyes within their party, and there are everywhere factions and constant factional fighting. Divergent local interests are in many cases responsible for the factions, and these interests are not to be used as an excuse for the division of party organizations. Only after consolidation under a charter is effected can there be any unity.

There are certain political duties and responsibilities which are common to all political parties.

lects in front the voters of the great metropolises, with not a single one, such as the election of Supreme Court Judge, or of city officers. These things and personal ambitions of men are likely to cause much worming to the men who will try to amalgamate the two great parties in the greater city into two strong combined organizations.

One of the arguments advanced by the country Republicans in the Assembly who tried to defeat the passage of the Greater New York bill was that the establishment of such a city would result in the growth of a greater Tammany Hall, that would eventually dominate the politics of the city and bring degradation to the detriment of the rural communities. It is, that the hayseeds may be deprived of the

John C. Sheehan, the leader of Tammany Hall, was asked yesterday what Tammany proposes to do in the emergency; if it will be content to remain supreme in the Democratic party, or if it will take the lead in the extension of the organization to both the society and the political organization. He said that Tammany serves to the other communities consolidated, with the idea of becoming the regular Democratic organization of the Greater New York. He said that he would not like to talk about the extension of the organization until the Greater New York Hall just now," said he. "The Greater New York Hall is a political organization until there is an actual consolidation under a charter. As for the extension of the organization to the political organization, I am not sure that it is a good idea."

tion in its character. It was organized as an organization of the fraternal order of the Cincinnati, and it is an national fraternal order. It has members in all parts of the Union in Brooklyn, Staten Island, and Long Island City as well as elsewhere.

As to the effect of consolidation on political organizations it is greater than there must eventually be but the regular members of the organization in the event city. Just what the character of that organization may be I don't know, but I can recommend the Tammany plan as the strongest, the simplest, and most effective yet devised. It has stood the test of many years and is considered by all political men.

machine. "Whatever the results of consolidation may be, it is certain that we must not accommodate herself to the circumstances as they arise. There are many complications to be considered, and it is our duty to look at the matter about the matter more than in a general way. There has been much speculation as to the chances of the consolidation bill, and in view of opposition to the Consolidation bill, in view of speech in the Senate, Mr. Cantor made a strong statement in the House, and in view of disapproval of Mayors Strong and Wurster, and in view of the votes of all the Tammany Senators. Mr. Cantor, in the light of the fact that the bill is not likely to pass, is now favorable to consolidation. Another Democratic Senator was not so reticent.

"The subject of the fight against consolidation in the Assembly was a political one," said he. "Mr. Platt had made the measure a political issue, and it was not surprising that it became a caucus bill, but it was well known that all the influence of the Republican machine was against the bill. We could not defeat it in the Senate. We did not try to. Instead we voted all our men for it and we will vote all our men for it."

"This was part of the scheme to lull the Republicans into a sense of security. We felt confident that we would win in the Assembly, and we would have done so had it not been for Rute and Nittnacht. Stoll of Long Island and I were the only ones who would have voted with us had it not been for the two members from this city. That would have been the end of the matter. The purpose of our fight would soon have developed. We believe that had we succeeded in electing Platt as governor, the big split in the Republican machine in this State that has existed since 1893, Mr. Platt would have made it worse. He would have secured the bill would have failed of passage despite a Republican plurality of 100 in the Assembly. His friends would have abandoned him and his enemies in the party, emboldened by this success, would have raised him with the tide of opinion against him. He would have come in for a walkover in the State this fall. We will win as it is, but with a busted Platt we will get a better government."

There was no objection to Greater New York as an abstract proposition. The Tammany Assemblymen were opposed to this bill merely because it was not the bill they had in mind as the basis of its passage. Had we succeeded in defeating the bill, we would have elected a Democratic governor and Assembly and the Tammany Democracy would have the credit of effecting consolidation, which would be a great work. It cannot become true, too, would be the work of a Democratic Congress.

There was absolutely no truth in the published stories that proposed bridge and other bills were introduced by the Tammany men. The railroad interests of Mr. Sheehan's brother in Brooklyn have been cited as an example. The bill was introduced by Mr. Flower and ex-Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan are interested in a big land deal in Brooklyn and will be glad to see any bill that will get the railroad bill through. The bill will follow Greater New York legislation. There will be nothing behind our attitude but the political principle of a high principle. The bill would have been effected if it had not been for the treason of our own men.

Cuban-American Fair News.
The imprisonment of the Diaz brothers in Cuba has stirred up the Baptist denomination, and calls for this agitation are heard in offers and appeals from Baptist churches to send to the cause by contributing to the success of the Cuban-American fair to be held on May 25 to 30 at Madison Square Garden. The holders of the subscription books, issued by Treasurer Gutierrez, are doing good work.

Among the features of the fair that will attract the interest of the bicycling world will be the display of the famous high-rain wheel, to be awarded to the most successful bicycle club. The demand by merchants, publishers, and caterers for a large space for space and privileges is said to be very good.

Joseph Gonzales, a young Cuban cigar maker, committed suicide on Saturday night by hanging himself from a beam in his room at the Madison Hotel. He was 32 years of age, single, and had been out of work for some time.

Wheelmen Kill Sixty-one Snakes.
From the Philadelphia Times.

CINCINNATI, April 24.—A party of six wheelmen started out on the Lawrenceburg turnpike yesterday for a spin. While in the suburbs of Cincinnati they encountered a large number of snakes. To stop to repair his wheel, and all disappeared. While resting, several of the wheelmen stepped on a pile of dirtwood that had been deposited there the night of the recent high river flood, and a huge log that was hollow. From the hole in the log a large snake crawled out and coiled around the wheelman's leg. He tried to see slowly feeling a string of wriggling snakes. He stepped on another and twisted together like a huge cable.

The wheelmen, armed with clubs, battled with the snakes until nearly every one was killed. There were sixty-one in all. They measured from thirteen inches to three feet in length and from one to eight inches in diameter. It was that the snakes had crawled into the hollow log with its living, and while thus nestled in the log, they had been able to escape from their resting place by a rise in some warm soil had aroused the slumbering mass. The snakes caused them to emerge from their winter's retreat.

From the Boston Herald.

Governor Russell's strong points come into best evidence as a candidate for the Presidency. He is emphatically an orator, and he is always ready to speak the needed word of appeal to his followers. He has made singularly few mistakes for one of his youth.

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